

**DPW Facility Building Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015 Meeting**

**Called to order 7:35 PM; Adjourned at 9:00 PM**

**Members Present: John Bechard, David Crouse, Dennis Flynn, Sue Robbins**

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- **Review and Discussion of BOS August 11, 2015, Priority Project Meeting**

Committee members discussed in detail the DRAFT Warrant Articles submitted for the Annual Fall, October 19<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. Members expressed their concern about the amount of time at that meeting devoted to the DPW Warrant Article at the 8/11/15 BOS meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the BOS were generally supportive of the DPW project and that future follow-up discussion with the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and the DPW Building Committee scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> will provide an opportunity for a more in-depth interaction and discussion by all members of all three groups. Clearly, a take-away from the August 11<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting was the importance of having in place and ready for action a well thought-out plan that includes an appropriate and acceptable level of funding in a way that keeps in mind the financial impact on the Town and its residents.

- **Upcoming Joint Meeting with BOS and Finance Committee on August 20, 2015**

While Committee members felt very good about the status of the planning and accomplishments to date and the fact that the Committee was "light years ahead" of where it had been when the Committee began its work, all agreed there was a great deal of work to do prior to the Annual Fall Town Meeting. Members expressed the importance of having the firm support, both financially as well as readiness to proceed with the plan of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee at the upcoming August 20<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting. Following a review of the material prepared to date, it was felt that sufficient time at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting should be provided for a comprehensive discussion of the entire plan. The Committee felt the best way to have this discussion, was to keep the presentation informal and spearheaded by Chairman Bechard using copies of informational materials prepared and presented to the BOS at an earlier meeting. It was decided to forward copies of this information to Finance Committee members in advance.

- **Next Steps and Approach to Inform the Town About the Project Prior to Fall Town Meeting**

Committee members discussed various approaches to take at the Fall Town Meeting. Since the approach relied heavily on the outcome of the August 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting, several scenarios were presented and discussed. Following discussion, all agreed to go forward at the Joint Meeting with the Committee's priority; the full plan including phased-in financial spending. Indeed, if the Committee received favorable approval of this approach at the August 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting, then, it was agreed that much work would need to be accomplished, for this plan to be voted favorably both at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Town Meeting as well as receiving a favorable follow-up, Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot vote.

- **Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**June 30, 2015, Meeting:** Motion by D. Flynn, Seconded by S. Robbins voted 4 to 0

**July 28, 2015, Meeting:** Motion by D. Flynn, Seconded by S. Robbins voted 4 to 0